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1. RECENTLY THERE OCCURRED ONE OF THOSE LITTLE INCIDENTS WHICH IN ANOTHER SOCIETY WOULD PASS LARGELY UNNOTICED, BUT WHICH HERE TRIGGERED INTENSE SPECULATION. THE LOCAL REP OF THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, LUDWIG GLASS, GAVE A RECEPTION FOR HIS VISITING DIRECTOR GENERAL, JACQUES FERRANDI. TO ASTONISHMENT OF KINSHASA'S JADED DIPLOMATS, NO LESS A PERSONAGE THAN DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA SHOWED UP--HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT A FOREIGN DO IN YEARS. JUNE 4, ABANDONING SPECULATION, I ASKED GLASS HOW COME? IT WAS SIMPLE, HE SAID: PRESIDENT ORTOLI  
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OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION WILL MAKE ONE-WEEK VISIT TO

ZAIRE BEGINNING JUNE 26. COMMENT: WHAT WILL SURELY BE WELL-PUBLICIZED VISIT PLAYED TO ENHANCE MOBUTU'S PRESTIGE APPARENTLY WAS BAIT ENOUGH FOR BISENGIMANA TO TURN OUT. POSSIBILITY OF MORE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EVENTUATING MAY ALSO BE IN GOZ CALCULATIONS.

2. IN ADDITION THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT A BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOAN FROM FRENCH BANKS AGAINST COMMITMENTS SECURED BY PLEDGES OF FUTURE COPPER DELIVERIES IS IN THE OFFING. THERE IS ALSO THE ANNOUNCED VISIT OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO KINSHASA IN AUGUST, TO SAY NOTHING OF BISENGIMANA'S CONFIRMED APPROACH TO THE GERMANS AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE BELGIANS WHO, HOWEVER, ARE PLAYING HARD TO GET. SEPARATELY WE KNOW THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BULA LEFT JUNE 4 FOR EUROPE EN ROUTE TO RABAT AND FUND-RAISING MAY BE PART OF HISS MISSION AND THAT GOVERNOR SAMBWA OF NATIONAL BANK WILL SPEND TEN DAYS IN EUROPE SOON, ALSO TALKING TO BANKERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MOBUTU IS ANGLING FOR INVITATION TO THE HAGUE AND VARIOUS SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS AND HAS ASKED DUTCH FORMIN TO COME HERE. DUTCH FORMIN, HOWEVER, PREFERS TO MEET BULA IN NEW YORK.

3. AS FAR AS THE GERMANS ARE CONCERNED, WHEN AID DIRECTOR SPENCER AND I MET WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR DORING, DHONDT, ADVISOR FOR THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION RESPONSIBLE FOR CENTRAL AFRICA, SCHLEGEL, ADVISOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBLE FOR CENTRAL AFRICA, AND DR. HACHMEIER, HEAD OF ECON AFFAIRS AT GERMAN EMBASSY HERE, WE WERE TOLD ON THE ONE HAND THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT AN IMF APPROVED PLAN BUT THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT SHORT-RUN FINANCIAL HELP WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHOUT SUCH A PLAN AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI WILL HEAD A GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED JOINT GERMAN-ZAIRIAN COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE END OF JUNE. THE COMMISSION IS MEANT, SAY THE GERMANS, TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LOAN PROJECTS IN ZAIRE, BUT ONECE AGAIN IT IS NEW CREATION AND WISCHNEWSKI VISIT WILL DOUBTLESS

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RESULT IN MUCH PUBLICITY, JUST AS HAS THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED MEETING OF ASSINEZ, WHICH BODY LINKS PRIVATE GERMAN ENTREPRENEURS WITH HIGH-LEVEL ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING, OF COURSE, BISENGIMANA. ALL IN ALL IT SEEMS TO ADD UP TO THE ZAIRIAN EQUIVALENT OF THE YEAR OF EUROPE, MINUS SPEECHES AND PRESS SPECULATION. ZAIRE'S PRESS DOESN'T SPECULATE, IT LAUDS WHATEVER MOBUTU DOES AFTER HE DOES IT.

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